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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication mailed December 21, 2002, having a one month response due date of January 31, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, including for extension of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-63098-1/RFT/NBC/468250-8).

In response to that Communication, Applicant is enclosing herewith a marked-up version of the amendments showing changes made to the specification. Should the Examiner require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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